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\$273,130 Library Contract Awarded To Cape Company

DUXBURY — Masaschi and Son Building Corp. of Sandwich has been awarded a \$273,130 contract to remodel and build the addition to the Duxbury Library.

The library building committee has announced it signed the base contract in accord with plans by Morehouse, Chesley and Thomas, Lexington architects.

Lowest Of Four

Masaschi was the low bidder of four construction companies. Other bidders were Barletts Co., \$318,000; Pagoni Bros., \$305,700; and V.O.V. Construction Co., Inc., \$314,444. Bids were opened July 6.

The building committee said the new library should be nearing completion and in operation — if not fully completed — by the next town meeting.

The contract includes an addition at the rear, which will more than double available space.

A new heating system of forced hot air with temperature, humidity and fresh air controls will heat and ventilate both parts of the building.

The plans also call for a new lighting system throughout, new public toilets, acoustical treatment, outside walks, a parking lot and landscaping.

An exterior ramp will be built to enable handicapped persons to avoid the steps when entering the building from the parking lot. A metal trough in the floor for potted plants will form a partial screen between the lending desk area and the reading, browsing and study area. A multi-purpose room for lectures, discussion groups, exhibitions and music records is also planned.

Town meeting this year approved \$340,000 for the construction, equipping of the addition, renovating and re-equipping the existing building and improving the site.

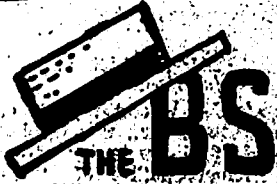
The town received a \$60,000 federal grant, \$40,000 from the Grafton Fund Trustees for the children's wing, and a \$15,000 gift from Mrs. H.C. Bumpus Jr. for furnishing and equipping the multi-purpose room.

Private Gifts Anticipated

Individual donations are anticipated but not yet announced for furnishing the adult reading room, for furnishing and equipping a mezzanine area for special purposes, for the design and execution of a children's and mother's garden, and for interior tropical plants, the committee said.

The architect, J.O. Chesley, acting for the owner, will be in charge of construction supervision. He will visit the site and interpret the contract documents.

The building committee has engaged an engineer and field superintendent, Samuel Fuller, of South Duxbury, as clerk of the works. He will be project representative full-time on the job, serving the interests of the town, compiling detailed information, reporting to the supervising architect and reporting to the committee any emergency matters which should be brought to its attention.



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